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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT BONGOS PRIVATE VISIT TO US: OPPORTUNITY
FOR DEPARTMENT CONTACTS

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1. WHILE DISCUSSING BONGOS TRIP TO MEXICO AND US (DESCRIBED REFTEL) PRESIDENTS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PROTOCOL AMBASSADOR MAURICE LEFLEM INFORMED DCM THAT PRESIDENTIAL PARTY WOULD WELCOME SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION DURING PRIVATE VISITS TO LOS ANGELES SEPT 14-16 AND NEW YORK SEPT 16-19.

2. BONGOS PARTY, ALTHOUGH STILL IN FLUX, NOW INCLUDES PRESIDENTS WIFE, JOSEPHINE, NEW FONMIN MARTIN BONGO, MINISTER COUSELOR TO PRESIDENT FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS JEAN-FRANCOIS NTOUTOUME, AT LEAST 8 ARMED SECURITY GUARDS WITH A TOTAL PARTY OF 56 AT PRESENT MOMENT.

3. DCM DISCUSSED NATURE OF PRESIDNETS VISITS IN LOS ANGELES AND NEW YORK AND WAS INFORMED THAT PRESIDENT AND MRS BONGO PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN SIGHTSEEING AND SHOPPING IN LOS ANGELES AND MRS BONGO PLANS TO SPEND HER TIME IN NEW YORK SHOPPING. DCM RAISED POSSIBILITY
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OF DEPARTMENT CONTACTS WITH PRESIDENT AND PARTY AND WAS

INFORMED BY LEFLEM THAT NEW YORK WOULD BE BEST SITE FOR THESE MEETINGS. LEFLEM SAID PRESIDENT WOULD BE GLAD TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES OF DEPARTMENT AND ADDED HE WOULD PROBABLY BE AVAILABLE FOR HIGH LEVEL BUSINESS CONTACTS AS WELL.

4. LEFLEM DID NOT HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT HOTELS WHERE PRESIDENT AND PARTY WILL STAY IN LOG ANGELES AND NEW YORK. RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAKING HOTEL RESERVATIONS HAS BEEN GIVEN TO GABONESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND GOG MISSION TO UN IN NEW YORK.

5. AS DEPARTMENT WELL AWARE, BONGO HAS BEEN KEY SUPPORTER OF US POLICY IN AFRICA AND OF US POSITIONS IN UN. RECENT EXAMPLES ARE GABONESE CO SPONSORSHIP OF FRIENDLY KOREAN RESOLUTION AUG 19 AND GOG RESERVATION TO HOSTILE KOREAN RESOLUTION AT COLOMBO NAM SUMMIT. BELIEVE THIS IS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH LEVEL DEPARTMENT CONTACT WITH PRESIDENT AND NEW FONMIN IN NEW YORK ON EVE OF UNGA. STEIGMAN

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